

REMARKS

Applicant and Applicant's counsel respectfully appreciates the Examiner's courtesy in granting the personal interview held April 15, 2009. At the conclusion of the interview agreement was reached that amendment of the form of independent claims 1 and 9 to clarify their recitation of the first and second hub nodes of the claimed spoke and hub network functioning root nodes of the network, and to clarify recitation of the second hub node functioning as a redundant root node, that such subject matter, as clarified, is not taught by the prior art of record, namely U.S. Publication No. 2003/0088698 ("Singh").

Applicant respectfully submits the form amendments above to claims 1 and 9 to clarify the function of the recited first hub nodes of the claimed spoke and hub network as being root nodes of the network, and to clarify the function of the second hub node as a redundant root node.

Claims 4 and 11 are canceled for reason unrelated to any outstanding rejection, and without any disclaimer of subject matter or other prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject of these claims by one or more continuation applications.

Applicant further and respectfully submits the form amendments above do not raise new issues and, on the contrary, only remove issues, and are therefore pursuant to the purpose and intent of 37 CFR § 1.116.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests for the reasons submitted above, entry of the above form amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the

rejections set forth by the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant also respectfully cancels, through and upon entry of the amendment above, the withdrawn claims 19-37 from the instant application. The cancelation is without disclaimer of subject matter, and Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these claims, and claims to any disclosed subject matter, by one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-18 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

In the event that the fees submitted are insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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